

Subject: ~~Depot of military materiel~~ and

training area for armored force

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at Milovice.

The prospecting in and around Milovice, which was mainly for the purpose of observing the prohibited wooded areas west and north of the town, was carried out on 21 January 1956.

Milovice is reached by taking the road leading from this town to Lysa nad Labem.

On the Milovice-Lysa road, at the entrance to Milovice, there were seen a railroad branch line and a road in good condition leading into the forest to the north and to the west of Milovice.

The railroad branches off from the Kolin-Melnik line and the road is perpendicular to the Milovice-Lysa road.

From this observation point (western entrance to Milovice), there were seen:

a) at least a hundred military trucks (Tatra or Skoda) lined up like "sardines" along the edge of the forest. It is certain that the number of these trucks kept at this place is more than a hundred, because the observer was ~~not~~ able to see only the first few rows of vehicles, while the parking grounds extend to the interior of the forest.

b) at least 60 armored vehicles (T-34 tanks, half-track scout cars) parked in front of ~~masonry~~ sheds, also located at the edge of the forest, but northeast of the truck depot. Other vehicles are certainly kept within the sheds, whose capacities could not be exactly determined. The storage area for this equipment probably also extends to the interior of the forest.

Armed sentinels were seen guarding the entrance to these depots.

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At Milovice, barracks (of masonry and of wood, two-story and one-story), capable of housing several battalions, were seen northwest of the town, near the road to the military air field. These barracks are occupied by ground troops; because they were observed from a distance, it was not possible to identify the unit to which these soldiers belonged.

Several hundred meters from there (Northwest of the town), earthwork had begun for the construction of buildings (possibly, new barracks or cadre billets?).

During a prospecting trip in the spring of 1955, source had observed that all the roads extending north of Milovice were blocked. On 21 January 1956, however, these roads seemed open to traffic, although the raised barriers and the ^{unoccupied} sentinel boxes were still there to cause doubt. Nevertheless, the prospecting trip continued along the road to Lipnik, through the forest north of Milovice.

The roads that were followed in this forest were deserted, but they were very wide (about 6 meters) and paved for great distances. Signposts indicated that armored vehicles were prohibited from using these roads.

The ground in the forest, throughout its entire expanse, is marked by tank tracks which have left deep ruts in the soil. At various places (tank passages across the road), the road is impassable because of the mounds of earth, wood, etc. which ^{have been} piled up there ^{by} the tracks of the armored vehicles. At the present time, the forest and its scattered sentry boxes are absolutely deserted.

Regarding the road that traverses the forest from north to south, it was not possible, because of the mounds of earth that blocked traffic, to journey north of the depots observed near the entrance to Milovice.

In short, Milovice is, not only a jet air base and an important garrison, but also a vast depot of military materiel.

All of the forest area located in the triangle having for its base, Cachovice-Lipnik-Cote 221, and for its ~~apex~~ apex, Milovice, is reserved for the exercises and maneuvers of armored vehicles.

Other depots (weapons, gasoline, etc) must also be in the forest west of Milovice, but their locations have not been determined.

Attached: one photostat of a map, ratio 1/75,000, with legend.

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